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FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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MEDICLAIM POLICIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the public sector insurance companies have decided to outsource mediclaims;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the broad features of the scheme prepared in this regard;

(c) whether this would impose additional burden on the public and if so; and

(d) the steps proposed to offset the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL)

(a) & (b): Consequent to notification of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (Third Party Administrators - Health Services) Regulations, 2001, the system of TPAs has been introduced by the four public sector general insurance companies to facilitate Cashless service for medical treatment of the insured at the designated hospitals. Claims servicing by professional TPAs is also expected to result in prompt settlement of claims and reduce cost of medical treatment through better monitoring.

(c): A nominal increase to the extent of 6.0% in mediclaim premium has been approved by IRDA on account of service charges payable to TPAs.

(d): With the introduction of TPAs for handling of claims, it is expected that the current adverse claims ratio would show improvement which will, in the long run, be beneficial to the insured.